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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 27 February 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 27 May 2008. Applicants first want to express their appreciation to the helpful guidance given their undersigned representative at an interview on 15 April 2008 by Examiners Pitrak, Vivlemore and Schultz.

In the outstanding Office action, all of the considered claims were rejected, but based on the discussion at the interview, it is believed that the following amendment and discussion place the claims in a position for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.